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FM SECSTATE WASHDC  
TO USMISSION USUN NEW YORK IMMEDIATE  
INFO AMEMBASSY AMMAN  
AMEMBASSY BEIRUT  
AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS  
USMISSION GENEVA  
AMCONSUL JERUSALEM  
AMEMBASSY LONDON  
AMEMBASSY TEL AVIV  
AMEMBASSY VIENNA

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS:PORG, SREF, UNRWA, LE, AV, JO, SY

SUBJECT: UNRWA PLAN TO MOVE HEADQUARTERS FROM LEBANON

REF: A) BEIRUT 2498  
B) AMMAN 4080  
C) DAMASCUS 2622  
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1. IN VIEW OF FACT THAT UNRWA WORKING GROUP WILL BE  
MEETING ON MAY 11 WITH UNRWA COMMISSIONER GENERAL  
MCELHINEY, USUN SHOULD EXPLORE WITH HIM, PRIOR TO MEETING,  
HIS VIEWS ON PLAN TO MOVE UNRWA HEADQUARTERS FROM BEIRUT.  
WE ARE INFORMED THAT UK PLANS TO RAISE ISSUE WITH HIM  
IN WORKING GROUP MEETING SO YOU MAY WISH TO COORDINATE

YOUR APPROACH WITH UK MISSION.

2. WE ARE CONCERNED ABOUT MCELHINEY'S PLAN TO MOVE HEAD-  
QUARTERS TO VIENNA. WE GENERALLY SUPPORT ARGUMENTS  
ADVANCED BY AMMAN IN REF B FOR RETAINING HEADQUARTERS IN  
UNRWA AREA OF OPERATIONS. HOWEVER, WE RECOGNIZE THERE  
MAY BE IMPORTANT ECONOMIC REASONS FOR LOCATING IN  
VIENNA RATHER THAN AMMAN OR DAMASCUS. IF SO, WE HOPE  
THAT WORKING GROUP WILL BE GIVEN A THOROUGH EXPLANATION  
OF THESE BEFORE ANY DECISION IS TAKEN ON WHERE HEAD-  
QUARTERS WILL BE RELOCATED. FOR EXAMPLE, COST OF MOVING

TO VIENNA AS OPPOSED TO MOVING TO AMMAN WILL HAVE TO  
BE WEIGHED, ALONG WITH OPERATING COSTS IN THE TWO  
CITIES. WE WOULD ALSO EXPECT THAT POLITICAL CONSIDERA-  
TIONS PLAY A ROLE IN THE DECISION, AND THAT MAJOR  
CONTRIBUTORS BE CONSULTED BEFORE MOVE IS MADE.

3. YOU SHOULD TELL MCELHINEY THAT WE LOOK FORWARD TO  
DISCUSSING THIS ISSUE AND UNRWA'S FINANCIAL PROBLEMS  
WHEN MCELHINEY VISITS WASHINGTON. CHET NORRIS ALREADY  
HAS APPOINTMENT WITH HIM ON FRIDAY; WE WILL ALSO TRY  
TO ARRANGE MEETINGS WITH ASSISTANT SECRETARY MAYNES AND  
DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY VELIOTES. VANCE

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